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Idaho September Red Meat Production Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2009 totaled 19.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from September of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. September production was up 7 percent from August 2009 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2009 period totaled 171.9 million pounds, up slightly from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in September, down slightly from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in September 2008. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 3 percent from September 2008. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,311 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 8 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,200 head, down 7 percent from September 2008. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.94 million head, down slightly from September 2008. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was up 2 percent from September 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 225,400 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 1 pound from September a year ago.

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